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***Baeckea minutifolia*, sp. nov.**

Frutex erectus ad 1.5 m. altus, ramis sub-confertis virgatis tenuibus. Foliis minutissimis ad $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. longis, 1 mm. latis vel minoribus, oppositis, decussatis, oblongis vel oblongo-obovatis, turgidis vix angulatis. Bracteis in foliaribus axillis basi pedicellarum. Floribus solitariis in superioribus foliaribus axillis. Petalis sub-orbicularis $2-2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. diam., obscuro-unguiculatis. Calycis tubo basi-attenuato. Staminibus 10, quinque brevibus, oppositis sepalis, quinque duplo longioribus oppositis petalis. Stylo ad 2 mm. longo, stigmatе minutissimo capitato.

Plant usually growing into an upright shrub, up to 5 feet high, the branches slender and more or less virgate. Leaves very small, opposite and more or less decussate, oblong or oblong ovate, somewhat appressed, sessile, turgid, and slightly angular. Bracts small, at the base of the pedicels in the axils of the leaves, and somewhat resembling the leaves. *Flowers* of a pinkish colour, usually terminating the branchlets in the axils of the leaves, on distinct pedicels about 2 or 3 mm. long. Petals 5, orbicular or sub-orbicular, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm. diameter, obscurely clawed. Sepals ovate, acute, 1 mm. long, tinged with red at the apex. Stamens 10, five short opposite the sepals, and five about twice as long again, opposite the petals. Anthers sub-globose with two parallel longitudinal cells. Style 2 mm. long, stigma minutely capitate. Calyx-tube smooth, attenuated at the base on pedicel about 2 or 3 mm. long. Fruit apparently 3-celled, but ripe capsules not seen.

Habitat. Westonia, Western Australia. Collected by Mr. F. M. C. Schock in April 1918.

It has affinities with *B. crassifolia* and *B. Maidenii*, but differs from both in the branches and branchlets being less intricate or divaricate and in the flowers being much larger.

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